



September 2016 CALENDAR

Holyoke Heritage State Park

221 Appleton Street, Holyoke, MA 01040

Park Supervisor: Charlie Lotspeich Park Phone Number: (413) 534-1723

All programs are free and open to the public. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Reasonable accommodations are available upon request. For more information, please call the park.

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | 1 | 2 Coming to Our Senses 10:30–11:30 a.m. | 3 |
| 4 | 5 | 6 Beginners Urban Birding 9:00–10:00 a.m. | 7 | 8 | 9 Canal Tour 10:30–11:30 a.m. | 10 Wreaths from Invasive Vines 10:00 a.m. – Noon |
| 11 | 12 | 13 Coming to Our Senses 10:30–11:30 a.m. | 14 Night Noises 10:30–11:30 a.m. | 15 | 16 | 17 Weaving for Kids 10:30 a.m.–Noon |
| 18 | 19 | 20 Beginners Urban Birding 9:00–10:00 a.m. | 21 | 22 | 23 Canal Tour 10:30–11:30 a.m. | 24 Papermaking for Kids 10:00 a.m.–Noon |
| 25 | 26 | 27 Coming to Our Senses 10:30–11:30 a.m. | 28 | 29 | 30 Bricks and Mortar 10:00 a.m.–Noon | |

PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

Holyoke Heritage State Park: Open Daily, Dawn to Dusk

221 Appleton Street, Holyoke, MA

Holyoke Heritage State Park is an accessible urban park and greenway, situated on the former site of the city's railroad yard and the Skinner silk mill. Located in the center of Holyoke's historic mill district, the park features open space, picnicking, a small playground, and a walkway along the upper, water-power canal. Entrance to the park is FREE. Parking in the lot adjacent to the Holyoke Merry-Go-Round is also FREE. Metered parking is available on the streets surrounding the park.

Holyoke Heritage State Park grounds are also home to the Children's Museum at Holyoke, the Holyoke Merry-Go-Round, and the Volleyball Hall of Fame (fees apply).

Holyoke Heritage State Park Visitor's Center and Exhibition Hall

Tuesdays – Sundays, Noon – 4 p.m.

Suitable for all ages. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Holyoke Heritage State Park Visitor Center features exhibits and an exhibition hall that focus on Holyoke's history as a center for paper and textile manufacturing and as a gateway for immigrant and migrant groups. Entrance to the Visitor Center and exhibits is FREE. Interpretive programs provided by Holyoke Heritage State Park are also FREE.

Coming to Our Senses

Friday, September 2nd and Tuesdays, September 13th and 27th, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

For adults and teens ages 15 and older (siblings welcome). Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Take a slow and easy walk through the park and sample the sights, sounds, smells, and textures the park has to offer. This quiet activity, we hope, leaves you feeling relaxed and refreshed. Meet in front of the Visitor Center. Rain cancels.

Beginners Urban Birding

Tuesdays, September 6th and 20th, 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

For individuals and families with children ages 6 and older (siblings welcome). Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Join us for a walk through the park as we find, identify, and learn about the birds that live here. Though not required, ***bring binoculars if you have them!!*** Meet in front of the Visitor Center. Rain cancels.

Canal Tour

Fridays, September 9th and 23rd, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

For individuals and families with children ages 8 and older (siblings welcome). Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Take an easy ¾ mile walk along the upper and second level canals and learn about their history, how they were built, how they were harnessed to power Holyoke's many paper and textile mills, and how they are used today. Meet in front of the Visitor Center. Rain cancels.

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Making Wreaths from Invasive Vines

Saturday, September 10th, 10:00 a.m. – Noon

For adults and teens ages 16 and older (siblings welcome). Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Learn to identify invasive vine species, how they harm our native wildlife, and how to safely and responsibly eradicate them from our landscapes. Then “repurpose” properly harvested vines as professional basket-maker, Marsha Leavitt, teaches us how to make simple Fall wreaths. All materials will be provided. Meet in the Visitor Center lobby.

Night Noises: Who is Going Bump in My Night??

Wednesday, September 14th, 10:30 -11:30 a.m.

For families with children ages 4 – 7 (siblings welcome). Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Using photographs, slides, and sounds, explore the many animals and insects that fill our nights with wondrous sounds. Learn a few facts about each creature and why we are lucky to have them in our world. Meet in the Visitor Center lobby.

Weaving for Kids: How Cloth is Made

Saturday, September 17th, 10:30 a.m. - Noon

For children ages 7 and older (siblings welcome). Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Though now known as “The Paper City,” originally, Holyoke was intended to be a city of textile mills. Still, high quality thread and fine silks were manufactured here in Holyoke. This activity is designed to teach children about that history and the basics of how cloth is made. Then, participants will have the opportunity to practice a simple form of weaving. Meet in the Visitor Center lobby.

Making Paper in “The Paper City!”

Saturday, September 24th, 10:00 a.m. – noon

For children ages 7 and older (siblings welcome). Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Learn about how paper is made and then make some ourselves! Decorate our paper with dried wildflowers found in the park. Meet in the Visitor Center lobby.

Bricks and Mortar: The Beauty of Old Mills

Friday, September 30th, 10:00 a.m. – Noon

For individuals and families with children ages 8 and older (siblings welcome). Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Grab your cameras, smart phones, binoculars and/or just your appreciation for beauty in all its forms and join us for an easy 1.8 mile walking tour of some of Holyoke’s Mill sites located near the park. Learn about some of the factors that effected mill design as we seek out the decorative features many old mills display. Meet in front of the Visitor Center. Rain cancels.